Seizure of Gold

1692. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state.

(a) what is the quantity alongwith the value of gold seized at different airports and sea-ports in the country during the last three years and so far during the current year, airport-wise and seaport-wise; and

(b) the manner in which the gold was disposed of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) The total quantity and value of gold seized throughout the country, including at the airports and sea-ports, during the years 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 (upto September) is given below:—

Year	Quantity (in Kgs)	Value (Rs.in crores)
1984	524	10 24
1985	2525	51 89
1986	2181	46 66
1987 (upto September)	1597	44 85

The statistics of seizures of gold, seaport-wise, are not maintained separately. However, the value of gold seied at the following major international airports during the years 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 (upto September) is given below:—

(Value Rs. in lakhs)

Name of the airport	1984	1985	1986	1987upto September
Bombay	342 70	1336 60	1257·05	1319 08
Calcutta	35·65	75·89	87 05	43·06
Madras	89 51	347 81	349 67	189·68
Delhi	129 98	417 74	402 79	171 81
Trivandrum	71·58	270 55	259·80	187 02

(b) Seized gold upon confiscation to the Government is deposited in the Government of India Mint.

Loss suffered due to Violation of Canalisation Norms by Exporters of Carpet-backing Cloth

1693. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI:

SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

DR. R. K. PODDAR:

SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM:

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of monetary loss suffered by Government due to violation of canalisation and statutory minimum price norms relating to sale of carpet-backing cloth to the United States till the end of the last financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that half a dozen exporters of this cloth were let off the hook by the Jute Commissioner;

(c) if so, on what consideration; and

(d) what remedial measures were initiated in the matter?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (d)

Although the exports of Carpet Backing Cloth (CBC) to USA are canalised through STC, there is no statutory minimum price.

A number of export contracts for export of carpet backing cloth were registered with Jute Commissioner's Office showing that the goods are to be shipped to Non-Latin American Ports in transit to Latin American countries. In order to ensure that the goods reach the declared destination, a circular has been issued to all shippers who got their export contracts for CBC registered with Jute Commissioner from November, 1986 to furnish a certificate duly countersigned by the Customs authourities of the country of destination alongwith corresponding registration number and date etc. For future the shippers have been informed that such contracts will be registered by Jute Commissioner only if the same are accompanied by a written undertaking about submission of a Landing Certificate, duly countersigned by the custom authorities, of the country of ultimate destination within 20 days from date of arrival of the goods

Role of World Bank with Poverty Alleviation Programmes

@1694 SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report in the 'Times of India' dated 30th October, 1987 regarding links of World Bank with poverty alleviation programmes of Government of India; and

(b) if so, whether this matter was taken up with the World Bank President during his visit to India, alongwith other World Bank aided programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

Raids by the Income Tax Department

1695. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raids conducted by the Income-tax Department on various firms and individuals in the country during each of the last three years and so far during the current year and the details of cash, jewellery and other incriminating documents seized during such raids; and

(b) what are the names of the parties/individuals in whose case the amount is rupees one crore or more?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) The number of searches conducted by the Income-tax Department and the value of assets seized are indicated in the table below for the last three years and so far during the current financial year. Several incriminating documents have also been

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@Previously Unstarred Question 1423, transferred from the 20th November, 1987.